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MATTHIAS JOHANSSON, ISLANDIC CITIZEN OF 45 SOLHEIMAR, 104 REYKJAVIK AND TRAVEL COMPANION OF JOHN MUTCHLER, INTERVIEWED BY CONSULAR OFFICER. ACCORDING TO JOHANSSON THEY DEPARTED BELGIUM IN VOLKSWAGEN CAMPER (BELONGING TO LIECKENS) ON JUNE 29 TO TRAVEL TO AUSTRIA. THEY ARRIVED NEAR BOVEC, YUGOSLAVIA JULY 4 AROUND 4 P.M. AND SPENT NIGHT IN CAMPER. ACCORDING TO JOHANSSON LIECKENS AND MUTCHLER TOOK A WALK AROUND 10 A.M. JULY 5 IN WATERFALL AND MOUNTAIN AREA ABOUT 5 KM. FROM BOVEC. JOHANSSON DECIDED TO REMAIN BEHIND IN THEIR CAMPER. HE STATED THAT LIECKENS RETURNED ALONE AROUND 1 P.M. SAYING THAT MUTCHLER DECIDED TO STAY BEHIND FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER HIKING IN THE MOUNTAINS. WHEN MUTCHLER FAILED TO RETURN BY 2 P.M. JOHANSSON AND LIECKENS SEARCHED AREA AND AT 4.30 PM REPORTED MUTCHLER MISSING AT BOVEC POLICE STATION. JOHANSSON DESCRIBED MUTCHLER AS BEING A HAPPY YOUNGMAN AN AVID MOUNTAIN CLIMBER BUT WILLING TO TAKE RISKS EVEN ON DANGEROUS CLIFFS. APPARENTLY MUTCHLER
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WAS ON EXCELLENT TERMS WITH BOTH JOHANSSON AND LIECKENS. JOHANSSON GAVE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF MUTCHLER'S ATTIRE: WHEN HE DEPARTED WITH LIECKENS ON HIKE MORNING OF JULY 5TH HE WAS DRESSED WITH AN OVERSIZED BLUE JEANS WITH STRAPS, RED-PINK-BROWN (DIFFICULT COLOR TO IDENTIFY) SWEATER WITH CAP WITH AREA TO SLIDE HANDS IN, LIGHT TRANSPARENT BROWN RAINCOAT (THIS ITEM WAS LENT TO MUTCHLER BY JOHANSSON), AN ORANGE, BLACK, BROWN

SKIING CAP, COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES, HE ALSO WORE GLASSES.
ACCORDING TO JOHANNSSON SEARCH BY POLICE AND MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS
BEGAN AT 6.15 P.M. JULY 5. BOVEC POLICE TOOK STATEMENTS FROM
LIECKENS AND JOHANNSSON AND IMPOUNDED MUTCHLER'S PERSONAL
BELONGINGS AND US PASSPORT. JOHANNSSON CALLED ANTWERP YOUTH
EXCHANGE OFFICE JULY 6. LIECKENS AND JOHANNSSON RETURNED TO
BELGIUM AT 5 P.M. JULY 7. MOTHER AND BROTHER OF MUTCHLER ARE
DUE IN BELGIUM TODAY OR TOMORROW. THEY WILL CONTACT US. WE ARE
STILL ATTEMPTING TO TALK TO LIECKENS. JOHANNSSON DUE TO RETURN
TO ICELAND NEXT SUNDAY.
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